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Applicant submits herewith information of which he is aware, and which he believes may be material to the patentability of any claim and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56.

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The prior art references are set forth below and on the Form PTO-1449.

Japanese Patent Application Laid-open No. HEI 7-228297

The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner give full consideration to the information disclosed herein, make it of record in this Application, and complete and return the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

In compliance with 37 CFR § 1.97, this information is submitted before the mailing of the first Official Action. No fee is due.

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Authorization is hereby given to charge any necessary fees in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 04-2219, referencing our Docket Number 13577.

Respectfully submitted,

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